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For: CERAMIC LAMINATED SINTERED BODIES, A METHOD OF PRODUCING
THE SAME, ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS, CONDUCTIVE
INTERCONNECTORS FOR THE SAME AND ELECTROCHEMICAL DEVICES

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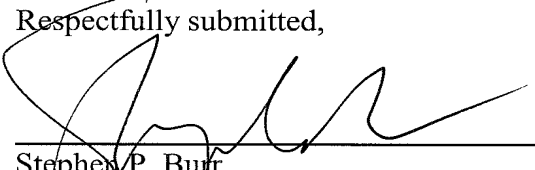
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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(e)

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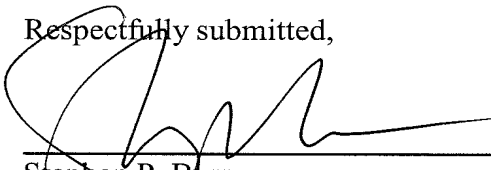
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Required copies of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a supplementary European Search Report bearing a mailing date of August 22, 2007 from a corresponding European patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

U.S. Patent No. 5,328,779 was previously cited by the U.S. PTO in an Office Action dated September 28, 2006 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 08-319181 A1 was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 18, 2004.

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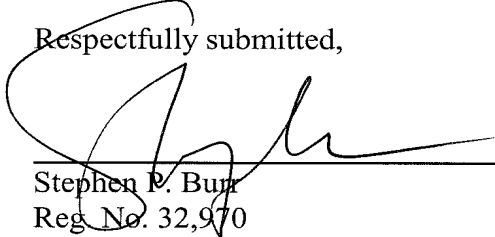
application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the
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